

ancestor

relative who lived long before
someone's parents and
grandparents

canoe

a narrow boat pushed along
with paddles

ceremony

an event that celebrates a
special occasion

clan

a group of families that are
related

corn husk

dry covering of corn

Haudenosaunee

the "people of the longhouse"

lacrosse

ball game played today with
long-handled wooden paddles

league

group formed together to help
one another

leggings

covering for the legs

longhouse

an Iroquois home made out of
sapling and covered with bark

quahog

kind of clam with purple and
white shell used to make
wampum

sachem

tribal leader chosen by a clan
mothers

sacred

holy, having a special religious meaning

sapling

young, thin tree

spirit

invisible being with special powers

treaty

an agreement between governments or people

tribe

a group of people who share language, customs, beliefs and often a government

wampum

white and purple beads made out of quahog shells